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PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

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REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 23, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24 stand rejected.

Applicants note that the present application was filed with informal drawings for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be submitted upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

The rejection of Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,056,001, Sexton et al. is respectfully traversed.

Sexton et al. describe a method for configuring a smart module which is coupled to a programmable logic controller wherein the controller includes an initial configuration file which specifies an initial configuration for the smart module. A control program is provided to the PLC to control the operation of the PLC with respect to a particular controlled process. When the PLC is first powered on and initialized, a configuration file which is contained in